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LDF panel meets to discuss plans to build more homes

MEMBERS of East Devon District Council's (EDDC) Local Development Framework (LDF) Panel have discussed plans that could see more properties built in the villages surrounding the Blackdown Hills.

The proposal could see two extra properties built in Awliscombe, three in Broadhembury, three in Dalwood, 29 in Dunkeswell Highfield and five in Dunkeswell Village. In Offwell four extra properties are proposed, Payhembury could see seven extra homes built and in Stockland three new dwellings could be in the pipeline.

In the EDDC report produced for the LDF meeting, held in October, it said: "We are keen to ensure that new development in the smaller towns, villages and the countryside of east Devon will contribute towards making places vibrant without overwhelming areas with excessive new development.

"The primary focus for rural development will be on maintaining population numbers, meeting local needs and supporting the facilities and services available in rural areas whilst safeguarding, and where possible enhancing, the natural and built environment."

As previously reported in Pulman's View, the LDF Panel has been looking at and planning for the future development across the district over the next 15 years. It is expected to include plans for around 16,000 homes and business premises.

Speaking after the LDF meeting, councillor Mike Allen, chair of the LDF Panel, said: "Forum members and councillors faced a very big challenge to balance the needs of providing homes for people on low incomes in an area of high house prices, with reduced support from government, meeting local aspirations and maintaining a visionary policy to develop new high technology business near Cranbrook.

"Over the next few weeks we will bring this six year review to its final conclusions. Then we get on with the real job of delivering a good future for east Devon.

"It will take all our ingenuity and determination to make this happen, but make it happen we must. Our planning policy team will take account of all the latest data, plus government guidance, in proposing the final draft Local Plan that helps us to deliver the future for homes whilst protecting and enhancing the outstanding environment that we all cherish."

A spokesman for EDDC added: "The panel of councillors working on a planning blueprint for east Devon focused on the wishes of villages and towns.

"Members heard how the challenge of providing development in villages to improve their viability fits into the wider planning picture for the district.

"A presentation by EDDC's planning policy manager, Matt Dickens, showed that some villages wanted to grow faster than the five per cent proposed by the district council.

"They also needed to provide affordable housing at a significantly greater rate than at present."

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Celebrating a fantastic year

HONITON Young Farmers Club celebrated a phenomenal year with a dinner and dance at Lakeview Manor, Luppitt.

The club, which will celebrate its 80th anniversary next year, held the festivities in September — attracting a total of 125 people.

Awards were presented by chairman Sid Tucker and president Babs Leach to Tes Paewai (most active new member category), Sarah Hurford (junior member category) and Nicki Snell (senior member category).

The sport cups went to Georgie Upham and Matt Baily.

Former member Rodney Down was the guest speaker and Tim Hoad attended on behalf of the club's chosen charity — Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

In August the club held its twighlight charity ball in coalition with accountants Evolution ABS at Honiton Showground.

No less than 450 guests made the ball a sell-out and massive fundraiser.

As a result, Margaret Scarrott from Evolution ABS and club chairman Sid Tucker presented Tim with a cheque for £4,630.

The 2010/11 calendar year has seen Honiton YFC claim many titles and also compete to a national level.

Nicky Bishop won the National Brainstrust competition and Lucy Reed will soon represent the southwest in a national public speaking final, having impressed at qualifying rounds.

Hayley Maynard won the Devon round of a public speaking event and Georgina Upham stands to be East Devon's runner-up in the Junior Member of the Year competition.

In the Young Farmer's annual entertainment heats, Honiton YFC was ranked second.

Its play featured a cast of 33 members and Sid Tucker received the title for the Best Actor. Also during the year, Nicky Bishop and Laura Gould were granted scholarship places to travel abroad to Kenya and Sweden with other young farmers from across the continent.

The club's show and sale in Sedgemoor was a great success with over 66 lots going to market, shown by 28 members.

Linda Pidsley won the cup for the most points overall followed by Nicola Bartlett. Nicky Bishop travelled to Belgium to compete in a European Stock Competition, with the UK team finishing third.

The YFC tent at Honiton Show saw a record number of entries. Brother and sister duo Laura and James Gould took home the trophies for the highest number of points gained in the under 18 category.

Linda Pidsley won the award for the best cattle lines. Overall, the club came second with many Honiton members entering a number of classes. The club has turned out to tidy up around Awliscombe Village Hall.

Fundraising activities have included cake stalls, festive bingos, carnival collecting and discos.

Honiton YFC has excelled in sports by taking part in hockey, netball, mackerel fishing, rounders and tug of war.

In addition, the club won the county round of bowling. Nicki Snell is now to take over from Sid Tucker as the chairman after an extremely busy and rewarding year.

Honiton YFC meets at Awliscombe Village Hall on the first and third Monday of every month. Contact Nicki on 07974246888 for more information.

◆ THE 17 youngsters in the new reception class at Offwell Primary School

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WORKING *OUR* WOODLANDS

Blackdown and East Devon Woodland Association with John Greenshields

WELL its taken its time, but autumn is definitely here, with the ash the first to lose their coat of leaves.

The amount of fruit and nuts at the moment is amazing, in one hour I picked four bags of crab apples and buckets of sloes.

The doom and gloom merchants are predicting a hard winter, trees in general can take a cold winter, it's the snow that does the damage, especially younger trees.

There are exciting things happening in the Blackdown Hills and surrounding areas. Working our Woodland as a project has ended, but it has secured funding from the Forestry Commission, the Blackdown Hills AONB and Making it Local to join with a grazing project.

These two projects will run side by side, the woodland part of the programme will be centred on creating more woodland in the area, ensuring more local timber is used in construction and tailoring the felling of trees to specific applications.

This project is close to my heart as I am constantly confused why some felling takes place, 150 years ago not only were trees planted for specific jobs but trees were only felled if they were fit for purpose.

Assessing and grading a tree before it is felled is to me a fundamental criteria, as it is to late after.

In building a recent barn conversion we needed four specific sized beams, so we worked out the volume and the size tree we needed, went into the wood and found the trees which would fit the bill exactly and after applying for a felling licence felled them.

The waste was minimal, there was no felling of trees that would not be used.

I realise that not everybody can do this but an idea may be to have a "living tree bank", this is something I have been thinking about for some time.

This would involve owners of trees that are about to be felled to register them locally, so that anyone who is looking for an exact size piece of timber can match it to a particular tree close at hand, and may even go and assess the tree himself.

This would be a much more holistic way of looking at our timber resource, and it would really help eliminate unwanted timber being felled and used for firewood instead of construction.

I just wanted to thank Oliver Davy and wife from Perrie Hale Nurseries for the brilliant afternoon they hosted. Twenty people had an enlighting tour of their tree nursery followed by tea and cake.

To contact John call 01823 660764 or email parkfarm@tinyonline.co.uk

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◆ HONITON First Scouts as construction workers with Bob the Builder on their Honiton Carnival float. Honiton Cranival took place on Saturday, Otober 22nd and hundreds turned out to see the colourful floats

How we help small firms - by Euro MP

By BEN MIDDLETON
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LIBERAL Democrat MEP for the South West Sir Graham Watson was guest speaker during this year's annual Blackdown Hills Business Association dinner.

The dinner was held in Dunkeswell at the beginning of October, and Mr Watson took the opportunity to talk about the current state of European funding streams and how the coalition Government is helping to support small businesses.

Following his speech Mr Watson held a question-and-answer session, where topics ranged from the Eurozone to teaching foreign languages in school.

Speaking to this newspaper Mr Watson said: "It is encouraging to see a business association that is so rural-centric continuing to be so well supported.

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going and the members of the Blackdown Hills Business Association are getting tough together – sharing experiences, learning from successes and mistakes in order to keep this wonderful part of the world economically prosperous.

"I will be pressing to ensure continued financial support for Devon businesses in the next EU funding round."

Man on bail after police drugs raid

HONITON police have carried out a raid at a business unit on Marcus Road, Dunkeswell.

The drugs warrant was executed on Thursday, October 6th. At the location, a cannabis hydroponic set-up was found along with 28 plants and a quantity of bagged herbal matter.

A spokesman for Honiton police said: "The male suspect renting the unit is currently on police bail for further inquiries to continue.

"If you have any information about drug use or supplying please get in touch with Honiton police on 101 or you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111."

Village signs up to plan

A BLACKDOWN'S village has signed up to the Blackdown Hills Community Plan.

Members of Hemyock Parish Council unanimously endorsed the plan at their October meeting. Council chairman Heather Stallard said: "This would give local people an opportunity to get together to decide what they need and how and when they want to achieve it."

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Gas bottles in shed fire

FIRE crews battled for more than two hours to bring an Awliscombe shed blaze under control.

The incident took place at a property in the Nap View area of the village at around 8.30pm on Thursday, October 6th.

Two teams of firefighters from Honiton had to cool two gas cylinders stored in the shed. The crews used breathing apparatus and hosereel jets to deal with the fire. The cause of the fire is believed to have been accidental.

Conference in the forest

NEROCHE forest in the Blackdown Hills was the recent venue for a conference organised by the Forestry Commission and the Association of Nature Conservationists.

More than 130 people attended the event, organised to mark five years of the Neroche Scheme.

Gavin Saunders, manager of the Neroche Scheme, said: "We discussed how to enable effective community involvement in the woodlands, how to restore wildlife habitats, how to promote learning and wellbeing in woodland settings, how to maximise carbon storage and improve sustainable harvests from woods and how to tell the story of woodland history to new audiences.

"At a time when everyone is faced with economic, environmental and social uncertainty, this event provided a boost to everyone's confidence, giving heart and courage to everyone to continue to work for our woodlands as places for positive change.

"We showed that projects like the Neroche Scheme can touch many lives."

Pub wins award for 2nd year

A BLACKDOWN'S pub that dates back to 1492 has won a prestigious prize.

The Merry Harriers at Clayhidon picked up The Good Pub Guide 2012 Devon Dining Pub of the Year award. In a joint statement Peter and Angela Gatling, of The Merry Harriers, said: "This is the first time that any pub in Devon has won this prestigious award two years on the trot."

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All the fun of the carnival

By ANDERS LARSSON
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This year's collection for Chard Carnival was about £550 down compared to last year, and committee members admit there is an element of disappointment.

Helena Stone of Chard Carnival Committee explained: "The sum raised this year came to £3,091.

"This is approximately £550 down on last year. We were hoping for a good collection this year, so we are slightly disappointed — we even managed to raise more the year the carnival was abandoned!

"The money raised is donated to local charities, with St Margaret's Hospice this year's main beneficiary.

"We fundraise throughout the year to cover our costs so that we can give more to charity, although this has been hard this year.

"I fear this year that, despite all the committee's efforts, we won't be able to give as much to charity as we would like.

"Its not too late to donate money, however. If anyone wishes to donate, they can do so at Sue's Flowers in Boden Street, or at Chard Garden Centre in Cuttisfords Door.

"Sue's Flowers donated £1 from every delivery during Chard Carnival to the carnival funds."

◆ TOP, town mayor Cathy Morrison joined the carnival royalty, flower girl Chloe Perry, 9, Miss Chard Rebecca Orchard, 13 and princess Jess Lacey, 11. Above, Alice in Wonderland was a popular theme this year with The Wonders Carnival Club from Chard putting on a colourful display as Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland. Right, Jessica Dawe and Megan Norman both aged six from Ilminster Cousins Carnival Club were stunning as Babushka

Women hold sausage night

HEMYOCK Women's Institute held a sausage and mash lunch in Hemyock Parish Hall recently.

During the lunch more than 60 meals were served with many members on hand to help serve the food and drink.

Brenda Calcraft, president of the institute, said: "For the members the event proved profitable and enjoyable.

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Primary school celebrates its improved Ofsted report

STAFF and pupils at Broadhembury Church of England Primary School are celebrating after the school received an improved Ofsted report.

An inspection of the school took place on Tuesday, October 4th, and the results were made public last Friday.

At a previous inspection carried out in April 2010, Ofsted inspectors identified several areas that the school needed to improve.

These included clearly identifying in all lessons precisely what pupils are expected to learn, increasing the involvement of teaching assistants in assessing pupils' achievements and developing the school's work on community cohesion.

Speaking about the latest inspection, Ofsted inspector Karl Sampson said: "As a result of the inspection in April 2010, the school was asked to address the most important areas for improvement.

"I am of the opinion that at this time the school has made satisfactory progress in making improvements and satisfactory progress in demonstrating a better capacity for sustained improvement.

"Pupils attainment at the end of Year Six has fluctuated over the past three years largely due to very small cohort sizes and their differing starting points.

"Pupils, including those with special educational needs or disabilities, make good progress in lessons over time.

"The school has introduced more effective systems to track the progress of different groups of pupils as well as individuals, which is having a clear impact in raising attainment. This demonstrates the school's increased capacity to sustain improvement."

Since the inspection in April 2010 a new executive headteacher has taken charge of the school. She is also a headteacher of another local school and the two are working together in a management partnership.

Mr Sampson added: "Good systems are being developed to support the continuing professional development of all staff to improve their assessment practice further. Since the previous inspection, the school has made effective use of a range of training activities to develop this area.

"More accurate and frequent assessment throughout the school is helping pupils to understand what they have achieved and how to improve their work.

"Teachers are developing their ability to use targets in planning for individuals and groups and to refer to them more effectively in their marking."

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A View from the Blackdowns

◆ A LATE summer view over Yarcombe, photo supplied by the Blackdown Hills ANOB

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Report fly-tipping, says parish council

HEMYOCK Parish Council is urging residents to report incidents of fly tipping to their local authority.

According to parish councillors fly tipping in the area has been on the increase over the last few months.

A spokesman for the parish council said: "There have been a number of reported fly tipping incidents in the Hemyock area over the last few months and these include the dumping of a freezer, 25 sheets of asbestos, leylandi tree branches and cat litter.

"Dumping of fly tipped waste is not only illegal but it can be unsightly and dangerous.

"It is an offence for any person to leave refuse or litter in areas unlawfully and offenders will be liable to prosecution.

"If you should see any fly tipping occuring or notice any fly-tipped refuse contact Mid Devon District Council."

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Written by countryside correspondent
TONY JACKSON

It's too easy to blame predators

TO anyone who has not heard it and who is, perhaps, not over-familiar with the wild life of the countryside, the high-pitched piercing whistle of a rutting sika stag, echoing through dark woodland at dusk, may cause a few palpitations.

It is an eerie, strange sound, far removed from the roar of a red stag or the groan of a fallow buck, and at this time of the year, with the sika rut at its height, can prove a source of alarm to the unknowing.

Sika stags have been known to attack humans during the rut and, to the unknowing, can be dangerous.

From stags to birds! A first migrating osprey has been seen over the Axe estuary, and a host of unusual waders have been spotted, including three Sabine's gulls and a grey phalarope at Exmouth down the coast, and a semi-palmated sandpiper on Black Hole Marsh at Seaton, a bird which breeds in Canada and Alaska and winters in the southern states of America; wheatears have also been spotted and a red-throated diver by the yacht club. Apparently there has also been an influx of American waders in the Scilly Isles.

Closer to home, my resident sparrowhawk still turns up most early mornings to perch on the aviary, to its frustration and the inhabitants terror! However, the immature cock bird has now found an easier source of food, a neighbour's bird table which is in the open and away from any cover, so enabling the hawk to swoop in for a swift kill.

My bird table is half concealed under thick cover and has suffered no attacks despite the fact that my feeders attract dozens of sparrows and little else. Blue and great tits are now rarely seen, while goldfinches have deserted my nyger filled feeder in front of my office window.

Do you realise that over 70 million sharks are killed annually, mostly just for their fins and, as a result, the species is in severe trouble and one of the most threatened creatures worldwide.

Finally, local people and visitors to the Blackdown Hills are being asked to report any sightings of the colourful waxcap fungi, a mushroom which comes in shades of orange, bright pink and red.

It has a shiny appearance and a slimy feel. Once a familiar sight in the area, waxcap fungi have become rarer due to the use of chemical fertilisers.

To obtain a survey card and more information call Alison Slade on 01823 652409.

■ **RECENTLY, I was driving down a narrow lane near Puddletown I saw a dozen or more swallows, most of them young of the year, darting back and forth over some ponds, taking advantage of a hatch of insects.**

These birds, the last I think I shall see this year, will shortly be winging their way south on their long trek. Meanwhile, it is good news to learn that a survey of swifts in the Blackdown Hills area has been encouraging.

Local people have responded to the request for sightings from the RSPB and the Devon Wildlife Trust, with Hemyock emerging as the swift "hot spot", with a reported six breeding pairs nesting in the village.

These masters of the air, birds which never seem to tire of scything through the skies on scimitar wings in search of insects, only land to nest, spending their entire lives in the air hunting for food. Their short, feathered legs are useless for walking and there is speculation that the bird sleeps on the wing.

Swifts are only with us for about three months, arriving in late spring and departing for southern Africa by the end of July.

Sadly, numbers have declined over the last deacde, largely it is suspected, because of a lack of nesting holes in houses as a result of modern building techniques. The birds prefer to nest in eaves or gables, but as these sites vanish so too do the swifts.

However, artificial nests can be introduced or three inch holes created in buildings for the birds. Usually two white eggs are laid and there is only time for a single brood before the birds depart. Up to three years ago I regularly saw swifts screaming high over my village, but since then have seen not a single one.

The news that two peregrine falcons have been found poisoned near St Just in Cornwall is absolutely disgraceful, and further evidence that some deranged or misguided idiot is at work in the West Country.

Four goshawks and a buzzard were earlier poisoned in Devon. The RSPB have offered a reward of £1,000 for information leading to a conviction and it is to be hoped that before long the cowardly poisoner will be in the dock. There is a fine of £5,000 for each offence or up to six month's imprisonment. As the poison used, is a banned pesticide called carbofuran, one would hope that the police will be able to trace the culprit. Anyone who has any suspicions should take the right course and inform the police.

Meanwhile, whilst the news that otters are now present in every English county and thriving, already the first report of a major attack on ornamental fish has been reported from Carlisle where, it seems, a couple have had their goldfish pond raided again and again. Each morning they were greeted by the sight of scales and the remains of their fish, and despite re-stocking and covering the pond with a net, the otter raids continued. The animal was filmed actually removing the netting before setting about slaughtering the pond's occupants.

The fact is, of course, that otters, members of the weasel family, are predators, living largely on fish and, it is inevitable, that owners of stocked ponds and fisheries will in the future see their waters under assault from these animals. One can hardly blame the otter which is simply following its natural instinct. But the fact is that if we create artificial situations in the countryside with stocked fish or pheasants, we inevitably attract the attention of predators, be they foxes, otters or mink. It is so easy to blame the culprit, but it is we who are really responsible in the first place.

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Terry tells of his passion for gardens

LANDSCAPE architect Terry Anderson was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of Yarty Gardening Club.

More than 30 club members heard how Mr Anderson had designed and constructed his garden project at Keston Park in Kent.

At a previous meeting Mr Anderson had involved club members in creating garden designs which could be used in an apartment building and for disabled gardeners.

The club's last trip of the year took place on Thursday, October 30th, and the destination was Westonbirt Arboretum.

For more information about the club call 01460 234668.

◆ OLIVE Hampton: Moving to Germany

Weavers' good year

A POPULAR Blackdown's club held its annual meeeting in Staplehay recently.

Members of The Spinners and Weavers Workshop heard how it had been another successful year for the club with many projects being completed including rugs, scarves, lengths of cloth, cushion covers, soft rugs and bags.

During the AGM it was announced that Olive Hampton was leaving the club and moving to Germany. The committee thanked Olive for her hard work, dedication and support that she has given to the group.

Contact the news team now at blackdown@tindlenews.co.uk

Red Cross to the rescue

THE Red Cross is well known for doing a great job in helping people and it was no exception when fundraiser Paul Morgan, came to the aid of Sampford Arundel WI, whose speaker had to cancel.

Paul spoke of the broad range of the work of the Red Cross – from providing medical aids for local people to setting up total needs for thousands of folk following a national disaster, such as the Haitian earthquake.

Paul showed dramatic slides of Haiti as it was immediately after the disaster and as it is now, with the charity continuing to offer aid and support. He emphasised that the organisation's help, wherever and to whomever was always impartial and neutral and that the Red Cross was essentially a symbol of hope and practical assistance.

During the meeting two new members were welcomed – and thrown in at the deep end – with all the news of past activities as well as plans for future events. These included pottery and painting days, Scrabble, skittles, craft workshops, a village quiz and cookery classes for children.

Looking ahead, the main event was the group meeting at Sampford with both entertainment and food not to be missed.

Wonderful acres of the arboretum

AT the Yarty Gardening Club's September meeting Ray Foster, a volunteer, gave an insight into the history and contents of Westonbirt Arboretum.

The 600 acres of woodland and 17 miles of pathways were created by generations of the Holford family who acquired their fortune from the New River Company which provided water to London in the late 1700s

Robert Stayner Holford inherited the estate in 1839. He acquired Silkwood in 1840, cutting four principal rides through the wood. He continued on major landscaping and development of the estate and arboretum and building the large house in 1863.

This is still being used as a girls' private school.

In 1927 the estate was broken up. In 1956 Westonbirt was given over to the Forestry Commission and after seven years mapping and cataloguing the collection, was opened to the public in 1961.

Since then they have managed and improved the visitor attractions and educational facilities of the arboretum.

Ray Foster was thanked by Bill Butt.

The adventures of the Sleeping Cutie

DESPITE Sampford Arundel's Village Hall being transported to a forest clearing, members of seven local WIs gathered for their autumn meeting.

It was great to meet old and new friends, and catch up on gossip. There was news of the group craft fair in Wiveliscombe, and the carol festival in Huish Champflower.

After a good supper the "tragic" story of Sleeping Cutie unfolded in the deep forest on stage. The Prince was coarse, his horse was hoarse, the witch's wand kept collapsing at tense dramatic moments, the dragon didn't know which end the fire came from, and the props girl got lost.

But, as with all things WI, it all ended happily ever after, with everyone getting their just desserts (apple cake).

Appley Cross deservedly won the competition of a handmade mask, but the competition was close and all the entries were truly beautiful.

A very good, friendly evening.

Many thanks to Mrs Hill for the loan of the screen and especially to all those wonderful people who helped put the staging up and down.

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Fruits of our Labours

In 2002, Her Majesty the Queen celebrated her Golden Jubilee. Obviously she received all sorts of gifts to mark the occasion, but in Devon plans had been put in effect well in advance. The Lord Lieutenant of Devon was able to present Her Majesty with a suitably Devonian gift. Seventy five varieties of Devonshire variety apple trees were presented to her and were duly planted on the Sandringham Estate in Norfolk.

Obviously, due to their origin, the majority of these trees, such as Northwood, Slack ma Girdle, Spotted Dick and Tremlett's Bitter were cider varieties. These trees are now producing and as a result, the Sandringham Estate Farm Shop is this year marketing 1000 litres of their own cider, based on these trees.

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High heels on huge wheels

THIS year's Marie Curie Cancer Care annual Ladies' Driving Challenge at Westpoint, Exeter, will be on Sunday, November 13th.

Here is an opportunity for ladies from Devon to get behind the wheel of some of the biggest vehicles on the road, including tractors, JCBs and HGVs, to raise vital funds to support the Marie Curie Cancer Care Nurses in Devon

So come on ladies, put your heels on our wheels, throw caution to the wind and take part in the ultimate driving event.

All money raised from the event will support and fund Marie Curie Cancer Care nurses providing care to terminally ill cancer patients and their families completely free of charge.

Devon Fundraiser for Marie Curie Cancer Care Debbie Birtwisle, said: "The Ladies' Driving Challenge is a fantastic day out.

"As well as driving some truly amazing vehicles you wouldn't usually have the opportunity to drive, you'll be raising funds for a very worthwhile cause."

If you would like to take part in this year's Ladies Driving Challenge, you need to have a driving licence and be over 18-years-old. All we ask is that you try to raise a minimum of £100 each with a registration of £10 per entrant.

Places are filling up fast, so to avoid disappointment get signed up now.

For more information please call Jon on 01884 703540, or email: jon.duckham@mariecurie.org.uk. Or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/events

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Diary dates

Saturday, November 5th
HONITON: Community Market in Mackarness Hall 9.30am to 12.30pm. Includes crafts, charities and businesses. Free entry, refreshments available. For more details call Sharon 07740973990.

Saturday, November 12th
DUNKESWELL: Farmers' Market at Throgmorton Community Hall 10am - 12noon. Fresh local produce, plants and crafts. Refreshments available.

Friday, November 25th
COLDHARBOUR MILL: An entertainment, words and music by Joan and Roger Bridge-Taylor in the Old Stables 7.30pm. Admission £6 includes buffet supper. Wine and soft drinks available.

Saturday, November 26th
COLDHARBOUR MILL: Christmas Craft Fair 10am - 4pm. Local producers with wool, felt, textiles and a variety of other goods. For further details phone 01884 840960.

Christmas market

A CHRISTMAS market is planned to take place in Lyme Regis in the run up to the big day.

The markets will be held at The Malthouse in the Town Mill on Friday, December 9th, Saturday, December 10th, and Sunday, December 11th.

On the Friday the market will run from 5pm until 9pm, on Saturday it will be held between 10am and 5pm and on Sunday between 10am and 4pm.

November Events with the AONB

Fabulous Fungi Photography
05 November 11
Yarcombe
Join wildlife photographer Dan Bryan and expert mycologist Dr David Allen to discover the fascinating fungi of the Blackdown Hills. Take a close look at the amazing variety of fungi at our feet, and learn how to capture the magic of mushrooms in your photographs. There will be a brief talk at the pub, followed by a mushroom hunt in local woodland.
10.30am-1pm
Cost: Adults £5. Under 18s £3. Tea and coffee available separately. Booking essential. Location: Yarcombe Inn, Yarcombe, EX14 9BD

The Event: Corrymoor Farm Open Weekend
05-06 November '11
Stockland
Corrymoor Farm and Corrymoor Socks Open Weekend November 5th and 6th from 10am to 4pm. A chance to see the famous Corrymoor Angora Goats, to buy the socks made from the mohair from the goats, to see the farm and to see some wonderful views of the Blackdown Hills. Contact 01404 861 245 or see **www.corrymoor.com**

The Event: Deer Management and Photo Stalking Course
09 November '11
Park Farm, Wellington
A day of information on all aspects of our native deer to include species, life cycles, the law, damage, densities, management and more, finishing off with a guided photo stalk.
9am until dark
Cost: £40 per person (£15 to members) to include a light lunch. Booking essential.
Location: Park Farm, Wellington TA21 9NP
For more infomation: Contact John Greenshields at **parkfarm@tinyonline.co.uk** / 01823 660 764. Further details at **http://www.woodbiz.co.uk/**

Letter Carving with Michael Fairfax
12 November '11
Young Wood, Staple Fitzpaine
A day in the forest with artist Michael Fairfax, learning how to design and carve lettering in wood. Bring along some words – a piece of poetry, a house name, or anything – and Michael will show you how to turn it into a relief carving. No experience required – all tools, materials and instruction provided.
10am-4pm
Cost: £40. Booking required.
Location: Young Wood, Staple Fitzpaine
For more information:
To book a place please phone the Neroche office on 01823 680 846, or email **info@nerochescheme.org**
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A Walk on the Eastern Edge of the Blackdowns
12 November '11
Combe St Nicholas
A 8 km/5 mile circular walk, mainly through fields and woods, from Combe St Nicholas taking in Whitestaunton, Great Copse, Woodhayes Farm, Giants Grave Rd, Beetham and Belcombe Drove. If wet, the walk can be adapted to walk on mainly small lanes.
10am-1pm
Cost: Free. Booking not required but phone call appreciated to confirm numbers. 01460 62616
Location: Combe St Nicholas.
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Map ref: ST 298 108.
For more information: Contact Joanna Vernon on 01460 62616
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Hedge Laying Day Course
12 November '11
Yarcombe/Stockland area
Learn the traditional skill of hedge laying with experienced instructors from the Blackdown Hills Hedge Laying Association. Hedge laying creates materials for crafts and habitats for wildlife as well as providing barriers and shelter for stock.
9.30am-4pm
Cost: £30. Booking required via the BHHA website at **http://bhha.info/**
Location: Yarcombe/Stockland area.
For more information: Contact George Pidgeon on 01404 881 634 / 07970 644 631 or see **http://bhha.info/**
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Map Reading for Beginners
19 November '11
Membury Village Hall
Learn the basics of map reading with Tim Pitcher of the Blackdown Hills Walking Group. An introduction to reading Ordnance Survey maps, orientating yourself in the landscape and navigating safely. After an indoor workshop, try out your skills on a short walk in the Membury area.
9.30-12 Noon
Cost: Adults £5. Under 18s £3. Booking essential.
Location: Membury Village Hall.
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Neroche Conservation Volunteers at Young Wood
23 November '11
Young Wood, Staple Fitzpaine
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9.30am-3pm
Cost: Free. Booking required.
Location: Young Wood, Staple Fitzpaine (precise location details given on booking).
For more information: To book a place please phone the Neroche office on 01823 680 846, or email **info@nerochescheme.org**
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27 November '11
Mount Fancy Farm
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10am-4pm
Cost: Free
Location: Reserve entrance at Mount Fancy Farm. Please park at Staple Hill FC car park unless otherwise directed and a short walk down Herepath to entrance. Map ref: ST 246 159 (FC car park).
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Formerly a traditional 16th Century hostelry, The York Inn maintains its original character with a large cosy woodburner, oak beams, a bar with areas of different shapes and sizes and lots of nooks and crannies for people to sit comfortably along with family or friends to enjoy a home cooked meal or a just simply catch up with a drink and a chat. There is even a jukebox, games room with a pool table and large TV, also a designated, heated, smoking shelter!

With a maximum seating capacity of up to 40 people private functions are welcome and can be catered for tailored to suite specific requirements. There is also a cosy snug tucked away which is available for groups of 10 people or less.

New proprietors Heather, Mark and Greg are all local people and being so understand the area and exactly what will make a country community driven pub like The York Inn work for the locals and visitors alike. They want to create a warm, comfortable friendly environment, a focal point for the village where everyone of all ages are always welcome (pets too!) throughout the day and evening.

Freshly cooked food, generous servings are uncompromised using only the best quality seasonal meat and vegetables bought from local suppliers will be served luchtimes and evenings. Coffees, Sandwiches, Paninis and Soups will be served throughout the day. Smaller portions are available for children or people with lesser apetites should they wish.

The York Inn country pub and B & B is ideally situated for visitors touring the West Country. Both north and south coast are within 45 minutes drive. There are superb sports centres and golf courses within 5 miles and a well run riding school just outside of the village offering woodland hacks and superb views. Otterhead lakes, the two beautiful and peaceful lakes less than a mile away, which form part of the nature park in what was once Otterhead Estate are also worth exploring and spending some time walking around.

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Now open all day Sundays, the hunt is over for somewhere with a great menu for Sunday venings as well as lunch.

A quiz night with cash prizes takes place every last Sunday night of the month.

There is always something going on for the locals, as this is a pub with a thriving community spirit. The next event is Beaujolais Nouveau night on November 17th when the pub will be serving the finest of this year's young wine, along with a really lovely French menu at £20 per head.

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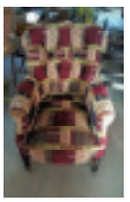

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Monument Fuels is the brainchild of Andrew Hewitt and Trevor Rolph who between them have over 35 years of service in the oil industry and recently took the decision to set out on their own. In June this year they gave up senior roles with one of the major oil distributors and started building their own depot in August and have been delivering fuel since the middle of September.

Based at Foxmoor Business Park in Wellington, Monument have put in their own storage facility to help ensure continuity of supply to the area. With only a small number of major terminals now supplying the West Country, at times of peak demand supplies can be difficult to obtain without your own storage as back up. Monument will initially be operating two delivery tankers, one of which is a specialist mini tanker for deliveries with difficult access.

Andrew says, "There has been a large amount of consolidation within the oil industry recently, with some large national companies and small regional ones now all owned by the same parent company, despite retaining their existing trading names, so we felt the time was right to establish a new independent business aimed at and resourced for the domestic customer.

"Many companies are focussed on achieving large volumes at the cost of customer service – and we aim to reverse that trend. Having been in the area since I went to Culmstock primary school, I think I have a good understanding of what customers in the Blackdowns expect.

Trevor adds, "Last December saw unprecedented demand for heating oil following the snowfall in the run up to Christmas, and at the time customers had no choice but to wait for the tanker to come, which at times was up to a month in arriving.

"We aim to be with customers quickly, but if the property in inaccessible to a tanker, we have set up the option for customer to be able to collect their own supplies from our yard pump to help keep themselves warm until the roads clear.

"The initial reaction from customers has been fantastic. They are pleased to be able to speak to a local depot, to staff who know the area, and will go out of their way to try and satisfy customer requirements.

"We structured the company so we can cope with peaks in demand – both myself and Andrew can also make deliveries so when it gets busy we will pull on our overalls and get oil out to customers.'"

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2012 PRICES

Honda has revealed prices for the new 2012 Civic will range from £16,495 OTR for the entry-level 1.4-litre 100PS i-VTEC SE and from £26,595 OTR for the top of the range Civic 2.2 i-DTEC EX GT. The car will also be available in the familiar SE, ES, EX and EX GT trim levels offering customers generous equipment as standard.

The new 2012 Civic was unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show last month and order books at Honda dealerships are now open with cars arriving in dealerships during January.

Standard equipment new to the Civic includes, Honda's Intelligent Multi-Information Display (i-MID) 5-inch dashboard screen which displays relevant driving details such as mpg, the idle stop status and climate and audio settings.

Other new additions include a rear wiper, daytime running lights and a headlight-off timer that maintains illumination for 15 seconds after the car is locked.

In addition, every new Civic comes with Idle Stop fuel-saving technology (manual transmission only) and an ECON switch for the first time.

The ECON switch is already found in the Insight and Jazz Hybrid and activating it tells the car's management system to adopt specific settings to improve fuel consumption.

It does so without affecting overall safety levels or the general usability of the car.

For the first time Honda's Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) and Collision Mitigation Braking System (CMBS) are available in the Civic range.

This advanced technology is available as a package in EX GT specification only for an extra £1,900 OTR.

All models come with a six-speed manual transmission as standard. However, the 1.8-litre petrol can be specified with a five-speed automatic gearbox for an additional £1,385.

A third trim level has been announced for Renault's forthcoming electric city car, the Twizy, along with full details and prices.

Joining Urban and Technic trim levels, Colour spec will retail at £6,950 on the road.

That places it in between the other two and completes the line-up ahead of the car's arrival in showrooms in March next year.

The price is £260 more than entry-level Urban versions, and £450 less than swanky Technic models.

Although the Twizy looks like a crazy concept from a motor show, it's a production reality that Renault hopes will bring affordable electric motoring to the urban masses.

batteries monthly from £40.

The Colour trim level is made to emphasise the Twizy's fun, outgoing and different nature, being produced with white bodywork and a choice of Urban Blue, Ivy Green or Flame Orange panels for the roof and sides.

Buyers can even go the whole hog and ask for black bodywork and orange panels, for an even more striking look.

The same colour choices are repeated inside the car, on the upholstery and glove boxes. For an extra cost the same colours can be added to special diamond-effect alloy wheels, for a totally colour-co-ordinated look.

If that's not enough, for £455 the Twizy can be upgraded with half-scissor doors, just like a supercar but at a very small fraction of the cost.

Standard equipment on all Twizy models includes 13-inch wheels, two glove boxes, one of which is lockable, a three-metre long charging cable, heated tinted windscreen, Z.E. onboard computer and dashboard with 'econometer'and battery consumption display.

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If you really want the 3.0-litre twin-turbo Nissan GT-R but need something smaller and more practical like the company's Juke compact crossover, your problems could be over with the announcement of a special prototype dubbed the Juke-R.

It sees the 450bhp engine from the GT-R shoe-horned into the Juke chassis to create a car that school-run mums and man-racers alike can love to bits. Even better, the car is fully road legal and not just a pipe dream.

Don't get your hopes up too soon, though, because the Juke-R won't see production. It's just a bit of mischief that Nissan is getting up to alongside motorsports outfit RML.

The drivetrain and much of the interior equipment of the GT-R has been modified and adapted to fit the Juke's dimensions, but the Juke's distinctive centre console inspired by a motorcycle fuel tank stays put.

Firmly engaged in corporate mode, Nissan's senior vice president of sales and marketing in Europe, Paul Wilcox said: "The Nissan Juke is one of the most exciting cars on the market today. Its bold crossover design has captured the imagination of car buyers all over Europe; after just a year on sale we are celebrating sales of more than 100,000

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A modern 3 bedroom mid terraced house with single garage, situated close to local amenities on the outskirts of the village of Hemyock.

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A 2 bedroom first floor flat, with single garage, conveniently situated in the centre of the village of Hemyock.

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A well presented two bedroom semi-detached bungalow with single garage, set within level gardens. This property is situated within a well established development close to the centre of the village.

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CLAYHIDON

3 Bedroom U/F unique attached barn conversion occupying a superb semi rural location and enjoying views to the countryside. Sitting room, kitchen/ dining room, 3 bedrooms, 1 en-suite, bathroom, parking and gardens. O.F.C.H. Available immediately. Taunton office 01823 447355.

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4 Bedroom U/F beautifully renovated and extended spacious attached cottage. 3 Receptions, kitchen/breakfast room, en-suite and bathroom. Garden, parking and garage. Paddock by sep neg. Available November. Taunton office 01823 447355.

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2 Bedroom F/F charming barn conversion situated in the centre of the village to let on a Winter Let basis. Open plan kitchen/ sitting/dining room, 2 double bedrooms and shower room. Parking and secluded garden. O.F.C.H. No children/pets. Available immediately. Taunton office 01823 447355.

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3 Bedroom U/F extremely well presented semi-detached house situated in a small development. Sitting room, kitchen/dining room and family bathroom. Garden, parking and single garage. O.F.C.H. Pets and children considered. Available immediately. Taunton office 01823 447355.

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WHITESTAUNTON

Well appointed un/part/fully furnished character cottage to let in rural location. Sitting room, kitchen/dining room, cloakroom, 2 double bedrooms, study office, bathroom, garden area, large patio, parking, O.F.C.H, no pets/children. Available Immediately. Taunton Office 01823 447355

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UFFCULME

2 Bedroom U/F superbly presented barn conversion situated in rural location but within easy access to the M5. Fitted kitchen, 2 receptions, en-suite and family bathroom. O.F.C.H. Gardens and allocated parking. No Dogs. Children/cats considered. LET STR. Tiverton office 01884 256331.

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MARSH, NR HONITON

3 Bedroom U/F attractive detached house to let in a pleasant rural location, on a 6/12 month plus tenancy. Kitchen, 3 receptions, conservatory, bathroom and en-suite. Gardens, garage and parking. O.F.C.H. Pets/Children Considered. LET STR. Honiton office 01404 42553.

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STOKE ST MARY

4 Bedroom U/F beautifully restored and extended character property set in an enviable quiet rural setting. 3 Receptions kitchen/breakfast room, and bathroom. Delightful gardens, ample parking, paddocks and stables all extending to 2.7 acres. O.F.C.H. LET STR. Taunton office 01823 447355.

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4 Bedroom U/F superbly appointed detached house. Sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, study, cloakroom, family bathroom, GFCH, gardens, parking, garage. Pets/children considered. LET STR. Taunton Office 01823 447355

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NR UFFCULME

3/4 Bedroom U/F attractive character barn conversion in a rural location close. Fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility, sitting room, dining bed 4/study and family bathroom. Parking area and garden. Pets/children Considered. LET STR. Tiverton office 01884 256331.

£900 Per calendar month Ref: 33436

UPOTTERY

Substantial 4 bedroom U/F cottage with superb views. Fitted kitchen, dining room, sitting room leading to second sitting room, 2 en-suites, bathroom, OFCH, water included, parking, garden. Cats/children considered. LET STR. Honiton Office 01404 42553

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CULM DAVY

A substantial barn conversion centred around a cobbled courtyard and enjoying fine country views over the surrounding countryside. Kitchen/breakfast room, sitting room/dining room, study, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, shower room & sauna. Garage/workshop, extensive outbuildings, cobbled courtyards & gardens. Ref: 43585

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MADFORD, NR HEMYOCK **1 Acre**

A well presented farmhouse with attached stone barns in an idyllic rural location with stunning views. 2 receptions, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms, E/S and family bathroom. Utility, study and store. Barns with potential, outbuildings, gardens and grounds. Ref: 44580

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BLACKDOWN HILLS **12.9 Acres**

A spacious and well appointed 5 bed farmhouse offering flexible accommodation and situated on the lower slopes of the Blackdown Hills. Excellent range of traditional and modern outbuildings including stabling and 5 paddocks. Ref: 17174

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HEMYOCK

A Grade II Listed four bedroom barn conversion situated on the edge of the village together with gardens, garage and substantial workshop (B1) use in this unique live/work development. 4 beds, 2 e/s, family bathroom, sitting room, mezzanine, kitchen/dining room. Ref: 48765

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UPOTTERY **5.5 Acres**

A superb 16th Century Devon longhouse set amidst its own land in a delightful and private location on the edge of a popular East Devon village. Sitting room, dining room, kitchen breakfast room, utility/cloakroom, study, 4 bedrooms, bathroom & en suite. Outbuildings, gardens and paddocks. Ref: 48001

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UFFCULME **2 Acres**

A charming three bedroom semi detached cottage with double garage and adjoining annexe/studio, pond and grounds extending to approximately 2 acres. Kitchen/breakfast room, utility, bathroom. Double garage. Ref: 42112

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CULMSTOCK

A two bedroom detached bungalow quietly situated within a no through road and backing onto open fields. Sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, bathroom. Large garage/workshop & large low maintance gardens. Ref: 48553

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HEMYOCK

A newly converted Grade II listed character barn in this unique live/work development offering beautifully appointed accommodation on the edge of the village together with gardens, garage and substantial workshop (B1). Kitchen/dining room, sitting room, study, 4 beds, 1 e/s, family bathroom. Ref: 48764

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